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# Patriotic Services Seek $3500 Goal

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—Volunteer workers of the Japanese Division of the Vancouver Welfare Federation will start out on a two-weeks campaign next Monday to raise $3,500—their quota of the total $690,000 objective set by the Federation and the Red Cross Society in their "Patriotic Services Appeal" for Greater Vancouver and West Vancouver.

**Meeting at the Nippon Club Tuesday night, representatives from 30-odd community organizations accepted the quota, $500 higher than last year and an all-time high, and heard Blair M. Clerk, Campaign Director, urge an early start and intensive campaign to fulfill the objective.**

The campaign this year will finance essential contributions to the war effort by the Red Cross and Welfare Federation agencies, and also maintain civilian welfare on the home defence lines. Net proceeds of the campaign are divided on a 60-40 basis, the latter share going to the current Dominion-wide $5,000,000 Red Cross campaign for soldier services, hospitalization, refugee care and similar work.

**Local Community Aided**

The Welfare Federation distributes its share among 46 affiliated social agencies carrying on a vast amount of social service work in the city. For the Japanese community, the larger part of its donations eventually finds its way back to the community through the clinical facilities, nursing services, and general welfare work of the Japanese Division.

**Stressing that the drive is a combination of a large number of appeals, Secretary Kunio Shimizu pointed out to The New Canadian that if each agency conducted its own appeal, the community would contribute much larger sums. But this would entail far more trouble, as well as much greater costs, resulting in waste of time and money. Realizing this, it is hoped that donations will be large enough to exceed the quota before Nov. 6th.**

The Japanese Division, too, begins its campaign earlier than the general drive, and officials hope to be able to wind up completely by Nov. 6. A quota fulfilled by the closing date will reflect most favourably upon the local community, they stress.

**Organizations Co-operate**

Local organizations will again take part in the house-to-house canvas, with representatives covering the same districts as last year. Nisei volunteer workers otherwise unattached will be welcomed to assist in the campaign and are asked to contact Mr. Shimizu at the office of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Mr. Y. Kawata, secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association presided at the meeting last Tuesday.

## Music! Lights! Curtain!

*Photo by Jo Seko.*

*When the curtain goes up on the Gakuyukai play Friday and Saturday evenings, hundreds of expectant spectators will be on hand to witness scenes as the one pictured above.*

*In this intermezzo piece, Roy Kumano and Satoshi "Sally" Nakamura have prepared a gem of a laugh-provoking number. These two weird characters who have been catapulted into the present from the days of the samurai in Alley Oop fashion are quarreling about their respective prowess with the sword. Hurly-burly Nakamura is about to let loose a murderous blow at the diminutive Kumano whereupon the latter wags his finger with a "No, no. You mustn't do that!" look on his face. The upshot of the skit is too hilarious for words. Go and see it for yourself.*

## Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Peace in the Pacific . . . For the Nisei in Canada undoubtedly there is no more vital question than whether or not a major conflict will break out in the Pacific area, with the United States and Great Britain lined up against Japan. That is the fear that all of us are deeply concerned over, and with good and sufficient reason; for common opinion seems to be almost unanimous that such a war is a very real probability.

But viewing the situation as dispassionately as possible, and putting together the facts in a reasonable perspective, I do not think it purely a false optimism that leads me to discount the possibility of such a war for an indefinite period, possibly a year or more.

The indisputable facts in this case are very simple, since they involve questions purely of naval and military possibilities, all of which point clearly to the fact that none of the three countries are as yet prepared to launch any sort of offensive against the other. Rather, in fact, there is ample reason to believe that each of the three is more anxious to avoid a major conflict than to precipitate it.

From Great Britain's standpoint a major conflict in the Far East would be folly. With its hands—and especially its fleet—fully occupied in home waters and in the Mediterranean, British policy continues to be ruled by the hard necessity of not assuming any new naval obligations that would weaken its war effort in Europe. Thus, while it is true that from the major naval base in Singapore, the British fleet would be in a position to battle the Japanese navy in its own waters possibly as far north as Kyushu, it would be only at the gravest risk and tremendous cost. Such a policy at this time is unthinkable.

**Similarly the United States, despite the protestations of her naval men, is clearly not prepared to challenge Japanese sea power in Far Eastern waters. Her main naval base located at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaii Islands is much too far from the Far East to launch a major offensive against Japan or Japanese units, or to give any assurance of safeguarding the Philippine Islands or the Netherlands East Indies.**

For the present then, the United States perforce, must content herself with diplomatic and economic measures designed to restrain Japan. She has given notice of intentions in this direction, and joint British-U.S. diplomatic policy will undoubtedly be the strongest restraining influence upon Japanese expansion southward. This policy will undoubtedly follow lines of aid to China and [illegible] friendship with Soviet Russia.

Despite all reports, or the hullabaloo over the completion of the [illegible] pact, I am fully convinced that Japan is just as anxious to avoid a major conflict with either Great Britain or the United States, much [illegible] against both. Still bogged down [illegible] after three long years, even [illegible] war in the Far East [illegible] render her position extremely difficult. Russia, too, is always an uncertain factor upon which she must keep wary watch.

**As for an offensive war against Britain or the U.S., the slightest study of the situation will show the practical impossibility of such a step. Her naval tonnage, for one thing, is only 898,000 tons as compared to the U.S. 1,200,000 tons alone. Both Singapore and Pearl Harbour are beyond the effective cruising range of her navy from its main bases.**

From all this, it can be seen that the practical possibility of an early conflict is as yet almost negligible, and will remain so for some time to come. For this reason it is doubtful if any radical change in policy is likely to be adopted by any of the three powers. Japan will move southward cautiously, trying everything short of actual war. Great Britain and the U.S. will seek to checkmate her moves by diplomatic and economic manoeuvring.

## On The Newsfront

**Delta Japanese Donations To Red Cross Society**

NEW WESTMINSTER. — During the recent Canadian Red Cross Drive, Japanese residents of the Delta Municipality were complimented by the weekly paper, "The Optimist" for their liberal donations. All persons who donated a dollar or more were published.

**Prominent Merchant Feted At Farewell Banquet**

Guest of honour at a banquet sponsored by the Canadian Japanese Association Wednesday evening at the Fuji was Eikichi Kagetsu, prominent timber man, who sails Saturday aboard the Hie Maru for Japan, where he will attend ceremonies in connection with the 2,600 anniversary of the founding of Japan.

**Wilson Denies Politics Prompts Anti-Japanese Drive**

VANCOUVER. — In reply to charges that his anti-Japanese campaign is causing disaffection and disunity in Canada, Ald. H. D. Wilson declared that it was "natural for the Japanese to seek to justify their position before the eyes of the Canadian public."

**Dancing in Tokyo Ends on October 31**

TOKYO. — Dance hall bands throughout the capital will play their last goodnight tune on October 31, as the three-month period of grace allowed these resorts by police expires. Two-thirds of the 300 dance hall employees have already completed training as typists, office workers and factory hands.

## Mayor to Address Public Meeting

**The speaker at the first public meeting sponsored by the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League will be His Worship Mayor J. Lyle Telford, Dr. George Ishiwara, president, announced today.**

**His Worship will address the first public meeting of this kind ever held in the Japanese community next Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, at 8:00 p.m. The place for the meeting will be announced later.**

**The public is cordially invited to hear the mayor speak on his views upon the Japanese question in relation to the present situation.**

## Four-Star Program For GYK Concert

When the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. upon Gakuyukai's 25th anniversary concert Friday and Saturday evening, October 17th and 18th, in the Japanese Hall, Vancouver amateur theatrical lovers will be treated to one of the finest entertainments staged here. Attempting to cater to every taste, this year's four star programme will run the full gamut from hilarious comedy to near tragedy, interspersed by musical numbers.

**War Tragedy**

The feature is "Shogatsu-to Heitai," a six-act drama, adapted from the moving pen of Corporal Ashihei Hino, a drama which depicts simply, yet intensely, the life of Japanese soldiers on the Chinese battlefront.

Against the background of army life, with its routine, its boisterous humour, its mud and filth, runs the dramatic theme of espionage, betrayal and death. Running parallel with this grim theme, like a haunting melody, is the poignant romance of a Chinese maid and a Japanese soldier. This almost two-hour presentation moves swiftly and surely to its dramatic close under the capable direction of Frank Nakamura.

Among those taking part are Roy Kumano, Yoshio Matsui, Hajime Horiuchi, George Shishido, Shige Kawasaki, Molly Madokoro, Sally Nakamura, Shota Kondo, and little Roy Osawa.

**Hilarious Skit**

"Trial by Skill," a direct antithesis to the above, is a laugh-provoking skit, written by and starring the inimitable pair, Sally Nakamura and Roy Kumano. A modernized version of Kabuki style (naniwa-bushi), filled with racy, witty dialogue, it is a skit which pivots about the clash of two swordsmen, with a surprising ending, when a mysterious unidentified lady will make her appearance for the first time before a Vancouver audience. Cherchez la femme!

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## "Patriotic Services"

Within a few days volunteer workers of the Japanese Division of the Vancouver Welfare Federation will begin their annual canvas of the community, seeking the funds which make possible the social services vital to the whole city.

This year the Federation will again conduct a joint campaign with the Canadian Red Cross Society, and co-operating in a "Patriotic Services Appeal" these organizations will seek a total objective of $600,000. Of that huge sum, the Japanese Division has assumed the responsibility of raising $3,500—small possibly in comparison with the total, but a new all-time high for the local community.

This appeal for funds is one that not even the least of us can ignore, nor pass by lightly. Through the Red Cross each of us can feel that we, too, though separated thousands of miles from the scene of actual suffering, are sharing in the great humanitarian work of the Red Cross. At home, through the co-ordinated efforts of the 46 social agencies affiliated with the Welfare Federation, each of us may count it a privilege and a blessing to give our tithe to help lift up the least fortunate among us.

Let us not forget, too, to express our appreciation that appeals from all these agencies and from the Red Cross have wisely been combined into one gigantic appeal, insuring the minimum of trouble to ourselves, yet the maximum efficiency in the administration of every cent we donate.

When the canvasser comes to us, we shall think of these things, and be glad indeed to dig deeply. The objective of $3,500 must and will be fulfilled, if each of us does his part.

## Tom Mix Is No More

Tom Mix is no more. To the younger generation today who marvel at the ingenious Dick Tracy, the invincible Flash Gordon, the incredible Superman, he is only a name, just another man whose life was cut short by a tragic accident.

Tom Mix is no more. To us who wore stove-pipe pants, who counted the days till Saturday afternoon when he came riding across the silver screen, he will always remain the unconquerable personal hero of all time. He always came through, no matter what the odds.

Around him shone the halo of the romantic, roaring twenties. In him the vanishing spirit of two-fisted adventure, hammering out law and order on the last frontier, envisioning a new empire and a new life in the rugged West.

Looking back today, across the distance of the dismal thirties to a carefree childhood — why, holy smoke, there's Dad! Dad himself, his hand on Tom Mix's shoulder—a younger, slimmer Dad, circled within that same halo, pioneering too in his own way, hammering out a home on strangely baffling frontiers, nothing daunted by the toughest odds.

But today Tom Mix is no more. He has walked down into the sunset in search of new adventure. Tony, his pal, patiently awaits his call—three shrill sharp whistles—ready to ride with his master into the purple sunset, down the long, long trail.

Adios, amigo!

## Our Social Contacts

This past week the Kokonoye Kai, the Japanese Canadian Chrysanthemum Society, in passing the threshold of its tenth anniversary, makes us reflect upon its cordial relations with Canadian Society.

In our school days Canadian schoolmates were numbered among our closest friends. After graduation we went our separate ways and drifted apart through no fault of either party. The binding tie—common interests, hobbies, sports — had been simply severed after school life.

Thanks to the yeoman work of the Kokonoye Kai, Japanese and Occidental Canadians have been brought into close contact through their mutual interest in chrysanthemum culture, and a sincere and understanding friendship has resulted through the long years.

Thus when we consider that we have always sought to promote fellowship with fellow Canadians, we cannot help but feel that in many respects we Nisels have been playing second fiddle to the older folk in this matter.

If the Issei despite a formidable language barrier have become better acquainted with many Occidentals, why can't we Niseis who have the advantage of a Canadian education and a more intimate knowledge of western customs go out and do even better?

Let's not be content to mix just with other Niseis. Let's try to widen the horizon of our friendships and interests in order to equip ourselves fully for the job of being full-fledged citizens on intimate terms with other Canadians.

## ★ Letters

### RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

(Editor, The New Canadian)

Dear Sir: You have been discussing many Nisei problems, yet never have you mentioned the fact that Christianity offers the solution to the Nisei's ills.

Last Sunday I heard Rev. McLeod's sermon at the Y.P.C.C. rally and was convinced that if the Nisei would give heed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, they would find everything much easier.

You have been publicizing the M.R.A. which also has the right idea more or less, but instead of ordinary news reports you should print articles leading the Nisei into the paths of Christianity. What we need most right now is Christ and the Holy Scriptures.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:5, 6.)

Nisei Christian.

Vancouver.

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### BOUQUETS

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir; . . . another thing, may I congratulate you on your recent editorials. They are just what we need. Please keep up the good work.

T. Suzuki.

R. R. No. 1,
New Westminster.

## After-Thoughts

By "M. C."

MARRIAGE . . . The other day a group of young men were eating in a restaurant talking in the manner of all young men. In the course of the meal, the conversation drifted to marriage. Up piped one with the remark that a leading Nisei educational club in Seattle reported that the ratio of Nisei girls of marriageable age to young men in Seattle was 3-1. The statement sounded rather far-fetched for the others who protested that a 5-3 ratio (computing on the basis of age groups) would be nearer to the truth.

Since then I've read in a Los Angeles paper that there the proportion is still worse. Popular notion would have it that the ratio is 7-1.

A columnist of the paper comments: "It all depends what age groups you're talking about. If you're talking about the Nisei as a whole the figures would run closer to 6-4 in favour of the girls. But if you're referring to the ratio of marriageable girls to marriageable males, the ratio would be about 5-1."

If this ratio is to be continued indefinitely (and there's another consideration now, namely that down in the States many eligible Niseis will be going out of circulation for a year at a time while they are called up for army training) it will certainly be a great pity to see so many Nisei girls in the bloom of life, the fragrance of which will be "wasted on a desert air."

Of course, there are many other factors in this increase of marriageable Niseiettes. One of them is that many eligible Nisei bachelors have married girls from Japan instead of Niseis.

However, the wind has been blowing the other way recently. In view of the increase in the number of engagement and marriage notices in local papers, it seems as if many young men don't think it's worth the bother of spending a lot of money to go back to Japan and get married with some comparative stranger while there are so many desirable Nisei girls here (that is if the young men aren't too fussy). I'm inclined to think so too. Besides, what have the young men got that they can brag about, anyway? I ask you.

WALL-FLOWERS . . . The biggest social event over the Thanksgiving week-end, the Japanese Unit Red Cross dance, was a thrilling experience for many a Niseiette who "took out" a boy to a social function for the first time in their young lives. For one evening wall-flowers were conspicuously absent.

In Northern California where Nisei girls seem to get around more, the young men have devised a scheme to protect themselves.

One writer in Angel City puts it this way: "Favorite trick of northern lads when they are stuck at a dance with one girl for any length of time is to hold up money to entice stags to cut in. Of course, the money is held behind the girl's back so that she is unaware of the cause of her sudden popularity. With that kind of bait, even the veriest wall-flower can enjoy the thrill of being 'tagged' once or twice."

Can you beat that!

## The War Brings Permanent Changes To The Economic Scene In Canada

*(From an article in the Christian Science Monitor)*

. . . This is the financial side of the picture and it is a reflection only of the vast economic changes within the country, changes greater in the last year than in the previous twenty combined. Canada is being industrialized at an unimaginable speed. All its industrial areas are booming. Factories are springing up all over the country.

But at the same time agriculture in many branches is almost prostrate because it depends chiefly on export markets and they have collapsed with the war. Many Canadians do not believe that Canada ever again will be able to sell the amount of wheat which it now produces and which has been the backbone of the nation's prosperity in the past.

**Changes Are Permanent**

These changes are not temporary and cannot be quickly liquidated with the coming of peace. By that time a larger part of the Canadian population than ever before will be dependent on industry, and industry will be more dependent than ever on the war market, which will disappear. How the country can readjust its war industry for the needs of peace, how it can find a new market to replace the demands of war, are problems so great and baffling that the Canadian Parliament has hardly begun to talk about them. The man on the street refuses to consider them at all. To him the only thing of importance is to win the war, and if the war were lost, he realizes that there would be no need to discuss these problems—the country would be ruined economically anyway.

There is Canada's great economic stake in the war, apart from all other considerations. Canada, as at present constructed economically, can only maintain its present living standard in a world where trade is freed from the barriers created by the dictator nations. It must get back its huge foreign wheat markets, its markets for lumber, fish, metals. If it cannot recover these markets, Canada must accept for some time a reduced living standard and such experiments in governmental controls, in regulation, in crop limitation, in complete regimentation as no Canadian likes to contemplate.

**Cost of Living Up**

Up to now the economic effect of the war on the average Canadian family has not been very marked. The taxpayer will not feel the full impact of the new taxes until the next fiscal year and meanwhile the new levies imposed already do not strain him. But next year the average family will certainly have to forego many things it would ordinarily buy, for the income tax will be sufficient to pay for many normal luxuries.

The chief fear of most Canadians is that an inflationary process in war finance may send living costs up as it did between 1914 and 1918. In this war the government has guarded against such a result by drastic controls over prices and even over rents. Despite these regulations the cost of living has risen about 4.6 per cent in the first year of the war and Canadians remember that the last war was well under way before prices started to reach their peak.

Against inflation the policy of the government is rigorously set and it will certainly levy taxes and borrow savings up to the limit to avoid a rising wage and price spiral. The government's program thus can be expected to be not only more taxes but persistent appeals to the people to save their money and loan it to the state.

# Mum Exhibit Crowned With Success

## Alderman Praises Kokonoye Kai's Progress

"Ten years of progress" was the keynote struck at the Kokonoye Kai Chrysanthemum Exhibit held over the Thanksgiving week-end at the Japanese Hall.

Alderman Charles Jones who spoke at the official opening of the display Saturday evening and who is himself a mum cultivator of note warmly during the ten years of its existence.

Work of Kokonoye Kai

He pointed out that the society has been largely responsible for the advances made in mum culture through the introduction of new species and by making available technical information for the growers, that to it goes the credit for the present widespread interest in chrysanthemums (there are at present eleven mum societies in and around Vancouver) and that it has contributed a great deal to the furthering of cordial relations between those interested in the culture.

He also accepted on behalf of the Vancouver and District Chrysanthemum societies many Chrysanthemum society a very beautiful cup from the Koko- anniversary.

Mrs. Jones was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

Monday evening at the distribution of prizes the vice-president of the Kokonoye Kai outlined the society's three projects for the year. He mentioned the part the society is playing in the Greater Vancouver Chrysanthemum Show at the Exhibition Grounds, of the donation of flowers to the Red Cross benefit sale and of the anniversary booklet now under publication.

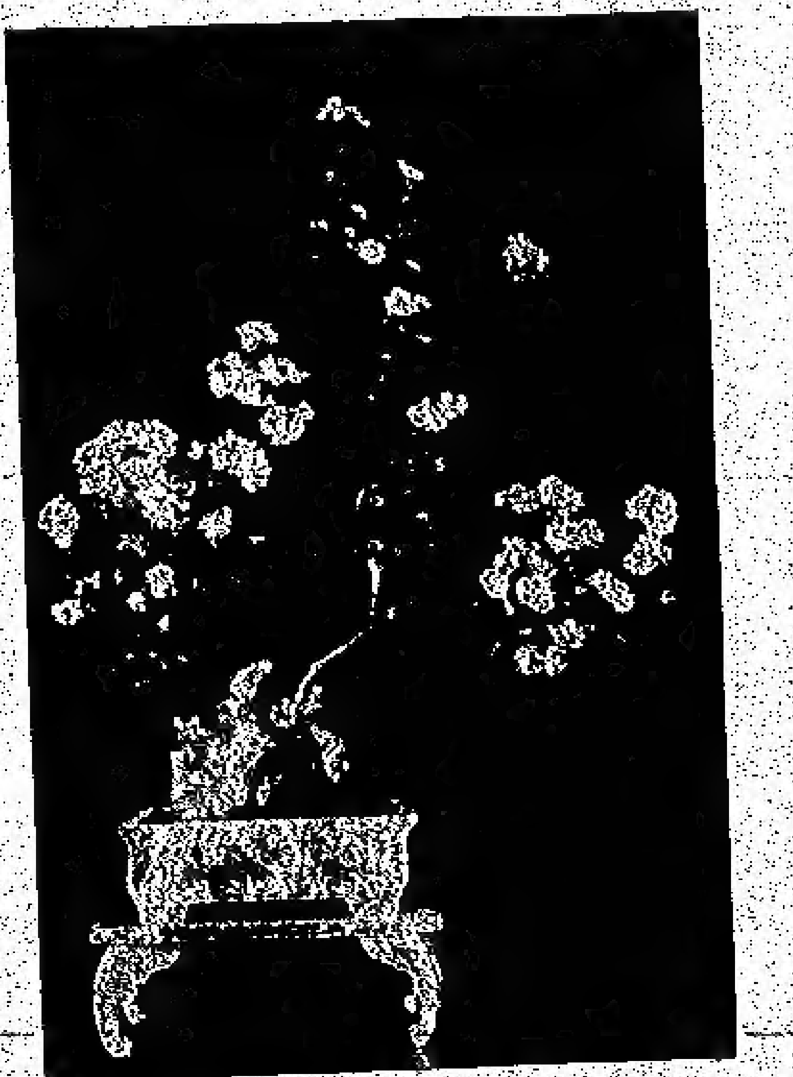
Cups and prizes were presented by President K. Kondo to: Mr. M. Mori, Ishii Cup for Lady Angleterre entry; Mr. S. Fujii, the society's special 10th anniversary cup; Mrs. Y. Nishihara, cup for entry of over 10 blooms; Mr. T. Omoto, prize for entry of 5 to 9 blooms; Mr. S. Sugiye, prize for cascade variety.

The Society will again hold a display in Fairview in a few weeks' time.

## Mums In Bloom

*Many were the expressions of delight and admiration that were heard in the Japanese Hall over the Thanksgiving week-end as flower lovers, amateur growers, and Mr. John Public visited the place to witness the Tenth Annual Mum Exhibit of the Kokonoye Kai.*

*Among the many hundreds of blooms on display was the beautiful variety of "Kiku" or chrysanthemum photographed below. It is an excellent example of the "Bonsai" kind, in which the chrysanthemums are grown on "bon" trays, and differing from the ordinary plants in which one, two or three blooms are cultivated, the plant has many flowers and is cultivated according to the Japanese ideals of flower arrangement.*



## Learns Japanese, Captures First Prize In Amateur Contest

HONOLULU.—They laughed when Arkansas-born George E. Moore, executive of an ice-cream company, stood up by the piano to sing a Japanese song. But before he finished singing, he had a Japanese amateur hour audience cheering in the aisles for him.

At the end of the program Mr. Moore had won a silver cup in the face of 200 contestants of Japanese ancestry from all over Hawaii.

Afterward Mr. Moore explained that it all began when he heard a catchy Japanese tune called "Tokyo no Funa Uta." He bought the recording and soon was whistling the melody. He memorized the words and tested his pronunciation against records which he made of his voice. In about a week he considered himself letter perfect.

A Japanese friend heard him sing one night, told him his intonation was excellent, and proposed that he try out at the fifth annual Japanese amateur hour at a downtown theatre.

"Just for a lark," he explained, he faced 200 entrants, got up and sang his song and was astounded when he was awarded the grand prize.

# The Stranger Within Our Gates

(From the October Issue of "The B. C. Teacher," Official Organ of The B. C. Teachers' Federation)

THIS editorial is being written as ominous news comes of a not surprising alliance between Japan and the two major dictatorial powers of Europe. That it will have very important repercussions in America and indeed here in British Columbia, there can be no doubt. Indeed, already the press is full of proposals and allegations premised on the assumption that many of our fellow citizens of Oriental extraction are Fifth Columnists.

It is unnecessary to assume that all responsibility for the gulf that separates the Occidental and the Oriental in British Columbia lies at the door of the majority group. Certainly, however, it has made little constructive effort to bridge the chasm.

The population of British Columbia was recorded as 694,263 in the official census of 1931. Included in that total were 22,205 persons of Japanese origin and 27,139 of Chinese origin. Five years later our population was estimated at 780,789, the Japanese section numbering 25,886 and the Chinese section 21,740. These figures entail a problem that is quite serious enough without the wild exaggerations given them in certain highly vocal quarters.

A large proportion of these folk of Oriental stock are Canadians by birth and education. Till they leave school and enter upon the universal scramble for dollars of which there are not enough to go around, they scarcely discover themselves to be a class apart. Indeed, many and many of them, as the Editor of The B. C. Teacher knows beyond peradventure, are passionately Canadian in outlook and aspiration, keenly aware of the advantages that would not be theirs if they were dwelling beyond the Pacific, and equally aware that, with minds and habits shaped by Canadian environment, they would be foreigners indeed in the land of their forefathers.

Many of these young people have demonstrated their good citizenship by various forms of unremunerated community service, including persistent effort to promote a better understanding between their Occidental neighbours and the Japanese Canadians—particularly those of the second generation. Their gifts to patriotic funds have been conspicuously generous and large numbers have welcomed with enthusiasm the possibility of military service in defense of the land of their adoption.

NUMEROUS unprejudiced people believe that Canada erred in admitting so many settlers from Asiatic lands; everybody is agreed that further immigration of this sort should be very carefully restricted. The only question is as to what we should do with those already within our gates.

The problem bristles with difficulties but it should be faced in the light of certain incontrovertible principles.

No policy will be right that assumes in any person or groups a treasonable attitude for which there is no evidence but complexion and allied physical characteristics. No policy will be right which inflicts avoidable wounds upon the sensibilities of men and women who are loyally Canadian at heart, whatever be the land of their extraction. No policy will be right that widens the dangerous gulf between White Canadians and others who share with them the right to look upon this land of their birth as their own.

Hate is a symptom of a mind diseased. Sadism is an evil inheritance from a brutal past that is revived by a pathological present. It is easy for these obscene things to burst out of all decent control, particularly when mingled with racial prejudice and desperate national anxieties. There is real danger of such an outbreak in British Columbia and against any such disgraceful folly, the fair-minded people of this province must set faces of steel. This duty devolves particularly upon members of the teaching profession because teachers have had special opportunity to become acquainted with young Japanese Canadians at first hand and close range. Let them speak up.

Unless, of course, they admire and prefer to emulate the example of the Priest and the Levite, who very well knew that the best way to keep out of trouble is to see little, to say nothing and to "pass by on the other side."

THE strangers within our gates include not only the Oriental but the Doukhobour. This journal has repeatedly urged those in authority to mobilize our educational forces more efficiently in an endeavour to make good Canadians of these people. Except in individual instances, British Columbia has to date signally failed of that objective and, apart from that hope which we are told is the evidence of things unseen, there is nothing in particular to indicate that the policies responsible for past failure are not to be perpetuated.

Perhaps a comforting announcement is in preparation.

Perhaps that announcement will synchronize with the adoption of policies relative to our neighbours of Oriental stock that will ensure them British fair play and will strengthen the hands of those among them who want to serve Canada and to lead more and more of their fellows along the pathway to the best kind of Canadian citizenship.

At all events, The B. C. Teacher has not given up hope.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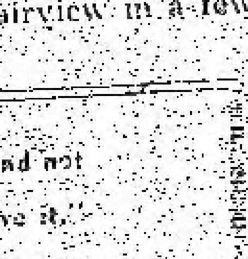
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# THIS MY WINDOW

Across the street a stocky red brick building slowly rises, as a swarm of coolies clamber over the scaffolding. All day long like an army of ants they toil beyond by window. Patiently, with slow easy motion they labour, bearing with uncanny skill the heavy baskets of mortar suspended from poles on their shoulders. Their motion is mechanical. Neither do they hurry nor rush. A whole day lies ahead of them, then more days, and then weeks and then years. Humming their folk ditties, they work contentedly.

The Great Wall of China was built by such, with infinite toil and super-human sacrifice. And the Jehol summer palace of the Ching Emperors. Like animals, at plodding pace, they work, and the sum total of their insignificant effort never ceases to astonish the western world.

The western world can never quite grasp the position of the coolie. Without mechanical aid, they build the wonders of the world. Oriental perseverance, relentless effort, and cumulative labour are ever sources of surprise and bewilderment.

**Enormous Manpower**

Where the western world use a singl ecement mixer, the eastern employs a battalion of coolies. Where the western world uses a single steam shoved, the Orient marshals a thousand coolies. It is not a question in the last analysis of mechanical advancement or material progress, but a question of enormous manpower and the absolute necessity of utilizing it.

The East Asia bloc will be the strongest in the world, states Mr. Naoki Hoshino, and he refers specifically to the inexhaustible reservoir of human power of the Orient, as the basis for his belief.

The individual coolie cuts no heroic figure. Sleeping on a straw mat, eating his "piengtzu" of Kaoliang flour and sipping his cabbage soup, he runs the course of each diurnal task. Direct his efforts, mass his individual strength and we see the unceasing wonder of cumulative toil.

Rome was not built in a day. The Pyramids of Ghiza were not built in a decade. Similarly, the East Asia bloc is not of today but of tomorrow. Arise it must and arise it will, a colossal monument to the individual effort of the lowly coolie.

And across the street against a cloud-lecked sky, the coolie balances his load, unconscious of the potter's hand that would mould him.

# Stamp Hobby

## ACCESSORIES

By L. A. H.

This article deals with stamp accessories and their use.

Of prime importance to the general collector or specialist with older issues is the postage stamp catalogue. The most widely used ones are Gibbon's "Stamps of the World" ($6.50) and Scott's "Standard Catalogue" ($4.75), and may be loaned from the Vancouver Public Library.

These books list all genuine postage stamps of the world, show the design of each stamp, give the date of issue, tell the type of printing, colour and perforation and note whether watermarked or not. The Gibbon's catalogue also gives the name of the printing firm. Without a catalogue one would be unable to correctly indentify and arrange stamps.

**HINGES**

**Necessary for the proper care of stamps are good hinges to fasten stamps to the album pages. Hinges come in two sizes and they cost from 20 to 25 cents per thousand. Both the stamps and the hinges should be randled with stamp tongs (50c).**

To prepare a hinge for use, you should fold the gummed side outwards about one-third of the distance from the end. This third should be moistened (not too much) and affixed to the stamp centrally and about one eighth of an inch from the top of the stamp. The lower third of the free part of the hinge should next be moistened and affixed to the album page.

Should you accidentally place your stamp in the wrong place on the page, wait until the hinge is perfectly dry before removing it, otherwise the stamp will be damaged.

A mount damper may be purchased for 30c. and will save you the trouble of licking the hinges.

**PERFORATION GAUGES**

Another useful accessory is the perforation gauge which costs 20c. This is made of cardboard and is marked off at one end with a millimetre scale. In the centre is a scale of raised dots running from 7 dots to 16½ dots per two centimetres. To determine the perforation of a stamp, lay the stamp over the gauge and the holes or perforations matched with a set of dots on the gauge.

**A less important accessory is the watermark detector. This is a black tray in which a stamp may be placed face down and a drop of refined benzine or carbon tetrachloride poured on it. The watermark in the paper may then be seen against the dark background. Stamp catalogues have a list of printed designs illustrating all the various watermarks.**

Your writer has collected mint new issues for three years now and as a result has never had to buy a watermark detector or stamp catalogue.

Don't forget to write to me through this column. I shall be glad to answer questions and to give any suggestions to help you in your hobby.

## Convenor Gives Thanks For Dance Support

The music of the Royal Ambassadors, colorful balloons hung in clusters like grapes, shaded lights and gay laughter of dancers . . . all spelled the success of the first dance sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Unit of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The great part of the credit for the success of the affair was attributed to Mrs. M. Maikawa and her committee by Mrs. E. Kitagawa, unit convenor. "Every one of our members, too, did her very extra best in boosting the dance," said Mrs. Kitagawa. "I must thank also those gentlemen who gave up their time and effort to help out with the odd jobs that are a necessary part of any preparations.

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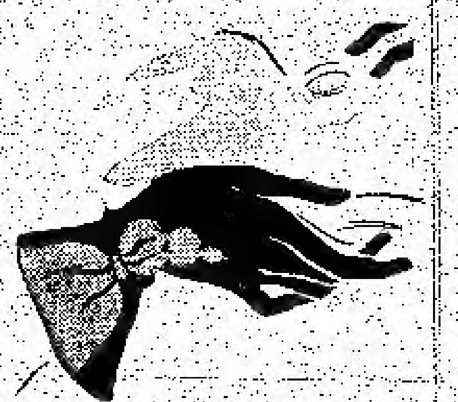


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# TOWN TOPICS

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[illegible] A. Y. P. A. [illegible] at Hap[illegible] October 25th from [illegible] p.m. Novel games [illegible] will be yours, so get [illegible] at Ernie's. New [illegible] Seikokai member [illegible]—everybody's going [illegible] miss it!

[illegible] EXHIBIT

[illegible] interest to countless [illegible] who crowded into the Fair[illegible] Japanese School Building on [illegible] October 13th was Prin[illegible] K. Miyazaki's exhibit of writ[illegible], drawings and paintings [illegible] school children of Japan [illegible] during his recent tour. [illegible] kimono-clad dolls and orna[illegible] boxes made by kindergarten [illegible] drew much admiring com[illegible].

*ACKNOWLEDGE DONATION*

The sincerest thanks of the Jap[anese] Unit of the Red Cross Society are extended to the B. C. Young People's Christian Conference which donated the entire collection received at its sixth annual rally last Sunday to the funds of the unit. Some $1[illegible] was the sum involved.

*POWELL Y. P. MEETING*

Margaret Hayashi and Teruko Sa[illegible]to were elected to vacant posts on the executive of the Powell Y.P.S. at its meeting last Sunday, the former as membership convenor, the latter to the social committee.

Members of the Society are reminded of the G.V.Y.P.U. annual fall rally to be held at Canadian Memorial United Church, Oct. 18 at 8:00 p.m.

*MR. STORK'S BEEN HERE*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunji Sa[illegible]miya (nee Nobuko Tamura), 640 E. Cordova, a six-pound one ounce baby boy at St. Paul's Hospital last Friday, Oct. 11, their second child.

## *Cagers To Caper At Orange Hall*

If you have any troubles or heartaches, if you really want to enjoy yourself, the Japanese Basketball League has cooked up just the thing for you. Have you heard about their super-gigantic informal two-bits social to take place soon? If you haven't, here's the dope.

The Japanese Basketball League will introduce the new cage season with a bang-up social at the Orange Hall on Saturday, November 2. It's only two weeks off now, so hustle up and learn the latest dance routines—there's plenty of rugs to be cut.

There's going to be a treat too, yes siree, real treats! The 25c admission fee entitles you to a cool and refreshing coca-cola plus refreshments, all gratis, absolutely free.

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—S. O.


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## At The B.C. YPCC Rally

### AYPA's Aya Suzuki new YPCC Chairman

Declaring that through the providence of God good can be brought out from things in themselves bad, Rev. G. P. McLeod exhorted the young Christian Niseis fathered from the Lower Mainland to the Sixth Annual B.C. Y.P.C.C. Rally Sunday afternoon at the Powell United Church to renew their covenant with God in order to see God in every situation in the present breakdown of world conditions and its subsequent effects upon their own lives.

Interpreting the biblical passage, "Blessed Are the Pure in Spirit for They Shall See God" to mean that those who keep their covenant with God, with what they believe to be right and true are those who will see God even in desperate social injustices and chaotic world conditions, Rev. McLeod expressed his grim belief in the coming of a time when there would be a greater brotherhood among men, a more enduring peace than that which we have had in the last twenty years.

**Delegates' Luncheon**

At the delegates' luncheon prior to the rally, reports for the past year were given. Elected to the new executive were: Aya Suzuki (A.Y.P.A.), chairman; Kasey Oyama (Powell Y.P.S.), vice-chairman; Miyea Okamura (Powell Y.P.S.), second vice-chairman; Aki Hyodo (Powell Y.P.S.), treasurer; Yoshi Higashi (Japanese Foursquare), secretary; John Kumagai (New Westminster Y. P. S.), past chairman.

Miss Suzuki was named to represent the Y.P.C.C. at the forthcoming Northwest Conference of Christian young people at Seattle.

A surprise innovation at the rally was a banner to be donated to the society having the best percentage attendance. It was finally awarded to the Powell Y.P.S.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE NEW CANADIAN

## Surrey Girls Hold Whist Drive

SURREY, B.C.—The Japanese Girls Club will sponsor a gala whist drive on Hallowe'en night, Oct. 31 in aid of the Red Cross Society. It will be held in the Japanese Hall on Sandell Road, half a block north of Towline Road, commencing at 7:30. There will be different games after the whist, and tea and refreshments will be served.

The same evening a Rhode Island Red cockerel will be raffled, tickets for which are only 5c. Everyone is invited to attend, to make the evening a grand success.

The annual bazaar will be held on December 6, with a whist drive in the evening, it was decided at a meeting of the club held last Sunday, Oct. 13, at the home of Miss T. Sato.

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# My Impressions . . .

*By REV. TAKEFUMI TATSU*

*NOTE: This is the second in the series of articles by Rev. Tatsu on his impressions of the Nisei, presented for the most part just as he penned them in his own idiom and style.*

*I MEET THE NISEI*

THE first young man whom I met was Yoshi Higashi and the first Nisei girl Miss Setsu Ishizaki.

As he was a graduate of a University and I was too, the topics which bloomed in our conversation dwelt upon school life, and soon we were exchanging ideas freely.

*And I think that this free intercourse of ideas among those who have been to school flowers among almost all students, even though they are of differing countries. They are in general open and frank and move about in a somewhat different world of freedom which remains undisturbed by others or by racial reasons.*

All young people should be so. When I met Niseis for the first time and heard their hearty "How do you do?" when introduced to them, I felt as if we were at once friends of long standing, not at all strangers. This was one of the pleasing and attractive things about the Nisei.

*IMPRESSIONS OF NISEI YOUTHS*

MY acquaintance with the Nisei has been rather limited so far. Whether it was due to the fact that those with whom I came in contact were mostly University graduates or undergraduates, I was anyhow favourably impressed by them. While talking about many different problems I was surprised to notice their keen and sound judgment of economic, philosophical and educational questions.

As regards their interests, these were of a wide range and showed very good taste. For instance, when they see a movie, not only do they try to derive some pleasure from it but they do not forget to appreciate the photography, to judge the standards of acting, to estimate the value of the film as an historical or social picture.

Similarly, in music and in sports, I may say the same about the Nisei.

*Another thing, some of the Niseis whom I met showed a very strong tendency to grow up outwardly, to be extroverts. There was a danger for them to neglect their spiritual growth and introspective qualities, and to be theoretical and argumentative.*

But on the whole, Niseis lack intellectual beauties or qualities. They are inclined towards purely personal pleasures or pursuits which because they are repeated too often lose their social value. Even in going to shows, or taking out girl friends, or going dancing (which are all right in themselves) all they seem to want is a "good time." And I don't mean to be puritanical either. Another thing, many young men idle their time away uselessly.

*MY IMPRESSIONS OF NISEI GIRLS*

REGARDING the young girls, I do not like to say too much. My acquaintance with them is more limited than with Nisei young men.

In Japan I have been in touch with many, many girls. Some of them were Christian girls, others were students whom I taught at a Girls' High School. So I think it is quite out of the question for me to compare Nisei and Japanese girls.

*If you let me say frankly, the Nisei girls enter into the adolescent age very early and appear quite showy in their dress, personal appearance, manners and habits. I often wonder how they manage to get as much school work done as they seem to do.*

But however they reflected in my eyes in minor details, I received in general the same favourable impression from them as I did from the young men.

# Water 'neath the Bridge . . .

*By T. M. K.*

*GOLF IS AN ORNERY GAME*

Once, years ago, a friend told me he played golf every Sunday morning before Church service with his father. I looked askance at him and blamed it on his Scottish forbears. In those days golf seemed to me a piddling sort of game for men to rave about, and as for my friend, well I hoped he wasn't going to turn out to be a sissy.

Then I saw that the craze for this game had spread to the Japanese community, first among the thick-waisted elders, later among the keen-eyed . . . slim-waisted . . . young . . . men. Heavens! I thought, there must be more to it than meets the eye! What could be so fascinating in swatting a small white decimal across field if only to retrieve and swat it again? When I listened to the devotees talking, they made no sense at all. How come they had forsaken the virile sport of swinging bludgeons and scrambling for touchdowns just to chase an over-sized marble over the golf courses?

Par! Birdies! Eagles! Tee-up! (I wondered if this last was some golfing term for refreshments. And what were eagles doing in the course? I could understand the sparrows. We have them everywhere.) I had just managed to learn some of the baseball terms, and here was an entirely new set waiting to be learnt just for my mind's satisfaction. A friend said:

"Come out to the course, and you'll soon find out."

"Sure, come," said Friend B, with a twinkle, "you'll be a bona fide golf bug in a couple days."

Nothing loath, I went.

They lent me a club, a long, thin, frail-looking stick with a nob on the lower end, and told me to go ahead. I worried about that club.

"Won't the thing break or something?"

"Oh no. Just go ahead and smack the ball straight down that way," and Friend A pointed due west. He added: "Keep your eye on the ball, there . . . widen that stance . . . I didn't say to split . . . hold the handle firmly . . . that's it . . . now drive!"

I clutched the club, gritted my teeth . . . was I going to let a little midget ball defeat me? . . . but truth to tell, I felt slightly nervous. My shoes gripped the mat. I swung back and then . . . #*&!! The ball was still there! I swung again. Savagely! Friends A and B held in their smiles politely, but the ball was still there on the mat, grinning evilly at my red face. For the third time . . . and I swore the last . . . I swung! Lady Luck connected me and there she was, that simple darling breezing down the fairway at a spanking pace.

"It's not bad for a tyro" . . .

Could be worse.

[illegible] what they thought [illegible] at them and opined sagaciously [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] A and B [illegible] C [illegible]

# Femme-Fare

*By Cinderella*

I've been dabbling in psychology again. Mathematicians who reduce everything to numerical formulae, physicists who [illegible] material universe to mere electrons, and scientists who ponder [illegible] vast structure of the solar system, and see the earth reduced to the size of half a pea, conclude that man is but [illegible] after all in universal structure; but man with all his [illegible] unpredictabilities, his little weakness, his vague dreams, his [illegible] ments of victory when he is of heaven and yet of the earth [illegible] very man and his reactions to everything around him [illegible] and parcel of life itself.

And so I sit at the office window, watching men and women [illegible] by, and in this way, create my own psychology.

*Wishful thinking*

A man in uniform passes by . . .
Wishful thinking . . .
It's a habit,
Dang it.
But we all do it:
And so I'll have my say . . .
I do wish a man in uniform
Would act more like men in "civvies"
Than a man in uniform.

*Conditioned Reflex*

Three little black-haired, black-eyed children idly throwing [illegible] into a pool made by recent rain, talking and laughing among themselves as little children are wont to do. Says tallest and sturdiest, "I'm going to be a policeman!" says middling, "I'm going to be an aviator!" [illegible] the wee-est, "I'm going to be a lawyer man!" and tallest and middling wiser in their ways than he, turn to scoff with "You can't be a lawyer, you're a Japanese!"

Poor little wee one, you who had something very precious [illegible] ambition nipped ere its flame had scarce been lit. You will have [illegible] to contend with, without being "conditioned" in this way.

*A Bit of Rural Skepticism*

A farmer from Haney on market day, his car loaded with [illegible] passes by. There is something very naive, very humane and kind [illegible] his weatherbeaten, leathery face and about his expansive smile. [illegible] gentle man, yet what lies behind his dark, far-seeing eyes—eyes that have witnessed nature at its cruellest and its kindest? What does he [illegible] beneath the dirt and light and noise of a city street?

He came to the city for the first time. In the railroad [illegible] he saw a machine with instructions on it for getting a stick of gum. He put his penny in the slot as directed and sure enough out came the [illegible]. He wandered into an automat restaurant. "Just put your money in the slot and out will come your food," they told him. He put in two [illegible] and out came a piece of pie.

He wanted to go to Coney Island, so he went into a subway entrance and approached a man sitting in a little cage.

"How do I get to Coney Island?" he asked. The man pointed to a dull metal receptacle perched beside a turnstile. "Just put your nickel in there and take the first train that comes," he said.

"No, you don't," said the farmer. "I thought you city fellers were just leadin' me on so you could ketch me. BUT I'm not so dumb as to believe a railroad train's going to come out of that thare little box."

*More wishful thinking*

I wish, I wish . . . I wish . . . Gee, I wish I might have dreamed up the following phraseology!

"He's writing his alibiography."

"She has a flirtive look in her eyes."

I wouldn't be sitting here, then, watching the world go by . . .

*The inner recesses of one woman's soul*

I see a woman, a little stooped, a little care-worn, [illegible] Chrysanthemum Show. She speaks sharply, often crossly, her [illegible] quick as her tongue as she sends her brood of five off to school [illegible] morning, before she goes her round of scrubbing and washing. [illegible] same woman's touch is caressingly gentle again the evening, after her work is done, she climbs up to the little roof ledge to her little green [illegible] chrysanthemum slips, there to nip a bud here and slip [illegible] there, while evening and darkness descend and countless [illegible] in the sky.

I like to think that whatever dreams she might have [illegible] happier years when life was no mere monotony [illegible] sleeping, are somehow unconsciously transmuted [illegible] a plant to bloom.

Somewhere she had experienced beauty [illegible] and she finds it in a little green pot [illegible]

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[illegible] Men and Women [illegible] but interesting [illegible] making high hills and low valleys [illegible]

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...iko Kondo and Miss Oka-...io were chosen to represent ... chapter at the coming na-...al conference being held in ...couver next month.

With the annual Island ...nference cancelled for the ...rrent year, a joint meeting ...f the executive of the local ...nd Chemainus chapters, pri-...r to the national confab, as ...uggested by the up-Island ...hapter, was adopted by the ...eeting.

Regarding the oratorical con-...st, with little prospect of ...tities from outside points, ...very effort will be made to ...und up all possible orators ...om the local talent available ...nd if number of entries war-...ants a semi-final contest will ...e staged sometime near the ...atter part of this month. The ...rocuring of prizes for the con-...est was left in the hands of the ...xecutive, with a sum being ...oted for purchase of same.

Payment of the affiliation ...ee to the national council ...reasury was also sanctioned.

The lengthy meeting was ...rought to a close with refresh-ments being served by the so-cial committee.

**VAGARIES:** "Here again— Gone again" **H. E. Kondo** is back in town again . . . "Poosh 'em up Tony" as he will be known to the followers of the casaba pastime from now on and henceforth, is home to stay for a spell this time—at least that's the hope of his team-mates . . . By the way, won't somebody tell us who this "Sa-die" person is, that we've heard **Tamo** kidded about so much lately? . . . Then there's the case of a certain "tall dark and handsome," who has handy a whole flock of excuses when accused of keeping company with one of the fairest of the fair localites . . . "Jimmie" is richer for having backed the Cincinnati Reds to the limit (and believe us — we should know!) so maybe he wouldn't take it so hard if we were to ask him again, just what hap-pened to the badminton set-up he'd planned?

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By "Chatter"

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The Fraser River is noted for its sport fishing just as much as its gill-net fishing.

Lately many well-known sportsmen have been coming from Vancouver, New West-minster and many other points to try their luck with trout, cohoe, jack and dolly warden fishing.

Fair catches have been re-ported, although not up to previous seasons.

Many one-cylinder marine engines are being replaced by powerful high-speed engines. The latest of these has been made by "Mass." Masao Kama-chi, who has discarded his old "six horse power" for a 6-cylin-der Chrysler 72 h.p.

**New Craft Near Completion**

Tojiro "Toui" Suto's new 51-footer equipped with a 72 h.p. Chrysler engine is near com-pletion at Lion Island.

"Dynamite" Tom Oikawa is heard to be starting work on his new gillnetter, which he hopes to power with a high speed also.

## Britannia Bits

By "Crusher"

With the World Series over once more for another year, Harry's nerves seem somewhat pacified again. During the du-ration of the series he was so excited he thought he was on top of the World. Day after day ole man luck was with him, generously netting him a tidy sum of well niga $50.

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Arrival of another Nisei in Britannia—Gordon Nakamura, who hails from Ganges. A loss for Ganges but another friend gained for Britannia. He says the food here is good, but the work is certainly tough. It must be a fact since he sleeps during most of his spare mo-ments.

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Mushroom season is here once again. Early Sunday morning Jake set out with a bag full of fruit to satisfy his hunger. He hoped to return to camp with the bag full of mush-rooms, but sadly came back empty handed. Was he dis-couraged!

Believe it or not, readers, it wasn't on account of the lack of mushrooms, but because he tore the seat from his pants when he accidentally fell down the hill side. Frank who ac-companied Jake was much more fortunate, since he re-turned with a few mushrooms. Harry and Mas scoured the hill side too. Harry brought home some, but Mas only re-turned with aching feet. Your correspondent went along with the boys to take some pictures. Somehow the boys insist my packing the camera along was just to give me an alibi for not getting any mushrooms. Well, maybe; who knows?

## Strathcona Shuttlers

# Badminton Team To Enter GVAA Loop

The Japanese Badminton League is slated to go off some times in December. Meanwhile the different shuttle clubs are busy pepping up for what promises to be a bigger and a better year than ever for the birdmen.

That sure-fire Strathcona crowd is really going to town this year. With a record crowd out in both Tuesday and Fri-day practices, hustling Secre-tary Mat Matsui is more than overjoyed with the results from his propaganda campaign. The captains for the nights have not been chosen as yet, but the likely candidates are said to be Michi Ashikawa and Mat Mat-sui.

This year for the first time, the Nipponese shuttlers will sponsor a team in the Division C of the G.V.A.A. The city leaguers will swing into action November 1. To pick a strong team of eight players, four ladies and four men is going to lead into headaches for the committee in charge of the se-lection but one consolation, they have plenty of top-notch material to pick from.

From Y.P.S. there's the Ari-kado brothers, Michi Ashikawa, and from Strathcona the top-notchers Mat Matsui, Mi Aki-yama and Tommy Iwasaki. Even if that array of selected birdmen does not meet with the approval of the committee, they could ask no more than the GYK aces, Kaz Suga, Baron Wakabayashi and Shig Oku-mura.

**Fair Sex**

Scanning over last year's records, the selection commit-tee should encounter no dif-ficulty in picking the fairer sex of the team. Steveston has first choice here with Miss Sogawa and Miss Koehi, hard-fighting ladies' duo, claimants to the ladies' double championship of the Japanese Badminton League. Another two who can be reckoned with are Lucy Ko-yanagi and Fumi Deshima.

The G.V.A.A. team will be composed of eight players, four ladies and four men, making two ladies' doubles teams, two men's doubles teams and four mixed double teams.

The matter which has raised much argument is, whether or not players taking part in City League may participate in the Japanese League games. This important problem will be ironed out at the next meeting.

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## Sunbury Secrets

*By Staff Correspondent*

*(Here's this column back after a week's lapse, in which we hoped to see our former correspondent back, but without success. He or she must be loafing.)*

Only three Niseis from Sun-bury are attending the Delta Junior-Senior High School at Ladner this year. They are Henry Tamaki, Yoshi Oikawa and Tamiko Suzuki, Grades 11, 10 and 9 respectively. These students have to ride 8 to 9 miles on bicycles every morn-ing, rain or shine. It's a tough ride, especially for a girl, but keep it up Tam!

Sunbury's B. C. Peat Factory has closed down once again, reportedly because of the lack of machinery. It is not expect-ed to re-open until after the war.

Between you and me . . . we wonder who was the winner of that ice-cream eating contest the other Sunday. Hear that those young fishermen can cer-tainly eat. You're supposed to eat them, Goro, not swallow them . . . Happy-go-lucky Er-nie claims his bicycle is hard to ride so that no one fool wants to ride it because it's an "Ernie Special." "How do you get that way?" asked a young Nisei who has just bought a brand new bike. "Just take a few good spills," was the answer.

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# Steveston Quits Senior Set-Up

## League Seeking To Organize New Entry

One stroke of bad luck after another! First it was players' mixup, now another hard blow to Director Mi Akiyama—the official withdrawal of Steveston from the Japanese Basketball League.

Representing Steveston, Kichiji Nishi and Shigemi Sogawa attended the meeting last Friday night and stated their inability to field a team owing to a shortage of players. They were, however, willing to bring out whatever was left of their team and join forces with the now defunct Powell Drug hoopers. Tuck Shimizu has been approached and thinks the idea a good one and is now busying himself hustling up some of last year's Powell Drug sharpshooters.

Although Steveston seniors have dropped out of the picture, their intermediates and juniors will join the loop, raring to steamroller all their opponents. Defending the championship for the third consecutive year will be Mundo Miike's smooth quintette from Marpole. Although lacking three of their former players, Marpole has acquired the services of K. Koyanagi, last-year Acme ace and a couple of promising rookies which should balance the team as good as ever.

This year, however, Jimmy Togawa's East Enders looks like the most improved team of the intermediate loop. They have plenty of height and their all-summer practices have improved their shooting eye to such an extent that by next year, they should be ready for senior company. The remaining intermediate teams are Ernie's, Nippatsu, Celtic, Nomads and Steveston.

# 3 Team Victoria Loop Goes Into Action

The Victoria Japanese Community Basketball League will get under way this week with the same three teams, Beavers, Taiyos and JCCL competing again for league honors.

Only two changes have been made in the personnel of the respective teams: **Stum Shimizu**, star play-making guard of the Beavers, being transferred to the JCCL quintet and Jack **Hemmi** of the latter team going to the Taiyo squad.

The schedule for the first half is as follows:

Oct. 17—Beavers vs. JCCL.
Oct. 24—Taiyos vs. Beavers.
Oct. 31—JCCL vs. Taiyos.
Nov. 7—Beavers vs. JCCL.
Nov. 14—Taiyos vs. Beavers.
Nov. 21—JCCL vs. Taiyos.
Nov. 28—Beavers vs. JCCL.
Dec. 5—Taiyos vs. Beavers.
Dec. 12—JCCL vs. Taiyos.
Dec. 19—Taiyos vs. Beavers.

The League has use of the Centennial Gym from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. every Thursday and only one game a week will be played. Starting time of all league games has been set for 8:30 o'clock and the non-playing team will have the floor for practice from 9:30 to 11:00 o'clock.


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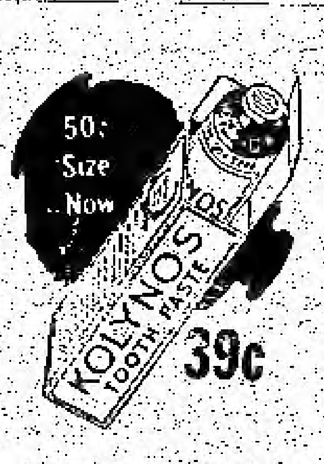

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### At Langara

# Digging And Replacing Divots

By "Jimmie" Suzuki

The middle of October and the weather still as mild as a day in April, and dry enough for excellent golf. The latter fact was brought to my attention by the discovery that it hasn't rained a Sunday since some time in June. With each week-end we'll have our fingers crossed, and a bit of "My Prayer" to help it along.

Did I say excellent golf ... must have been out of my head when I said that. Last week-end I thought my "jinx" was broken when I got an eagle three on the fourth at Langara, continued to play even par golf until the disastrous eighth, where I put one ball out of bounds and ended up with a miserable 7. From there on History repeated itself ... so we'll forget the score and continue.

**Turkey Sweep**

The turkey sweep held last Sunday ended in a five-way tie with Dr. Kuwabara, T. Nimi, G. Kodaira, N. Matsuda and H. Kagetsu getting their sights trained on the bird. I wasn't very interested in the result, cause the closest I got to the turkey was a nice big whiff as it flew past on the first hole, going further and further away as I got closer and closer to the pin. You can surmise that from tee to green wasn't anywhere near a par figure.

Monday three of the five that tied played it off and it looks as if the turkey will find ethereal bliss in the inner sanctum of one Dr. Harold Kuwabara who shot an inglorious 83 (inglorious in view of the fact that he totes a 19 handicap) for a net 64.

**Mud Horses Rampaging**

A couple of weeks more and then the "Rains Came" will be an established fact ... after all Vancouver is supposed to be very wet in the winter so we can't expect this weather to continue forever. To the majority it's grief, but some of the mud horses are just waiting for it to start to recoup the losses of the summer...

Me? The change of weather and playing conditions might be the solution at that ... after all my game can't go any worse than it is now. Ask anybody who knows what a golf club looks like and glean his opinion of a four-putt green. I didn't swear or cut up the green either— which indicates that something has to happen and happen very soon, or you'll see a classified ad in The New Canadian ... "For Sale—Golf Clubs in good condition ... CHEAP. Apply J. Suzuki."


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# ● Sport SPOTLITE

Nothing much more to go in the Sports Spotlife again this week, folks, activities on the winter sports menu is practically at a standstill as yet, but that old fire is starting to smoulder. In one branch of sport it burst into flames. Last week-end the Nipponese table tennis artists of the city boomed off their initial shots and welcomed in the new season of the Japanese Table Tennis League. At present the table league is the only organized league under pressure.

**PRIDE AND JOY**

My pride and decidedly my utmost joy is the Girls' Basketball League. They're really going to town this year. Again last Tuesday regardless of the late night before at the Red Cross Society dance, the girls turned out full-heartedly one hour earlier than usual and listened intently to Coach Ken Fujioka give his talk on basketball.

**The girls got their first real workout since the inauguration of their league, thanks to the unselfish cooperation of Coaches Kaz Suga, Ken Fujioka and Johnny Tanaka. The coaches put the girls through a stiff, varying routine of passing, dribbling, shooting and mainly ball-handling. I think after a couple more workouts they'll improve 100 per cent.**

In a short session of practice games, the girls at first had a tendency to cluster all around the ball, jumping all over the poor possessor of the ball, but eventually they learned to work around and played something to the nature of what we consider basketball. They're learning fast and all indications are that the girls are going to have a very smooth league set-up.

**HURRAH! A CUP!**

**Here's a pleasant surprise, girls. After much hustling around we were able to snag a generous fellow willing to donate a cup. Mr. Mas Uchida, manager of the Uchida Book Store on Powell Street, has kindly consented to put up a cup for the winner of the girls' league. Now that you have a cup to fight for, girls, you can't let us down. Keep up your fine support and the league won't go bust.**

Next week all girls are [illegible] turn out at 8:30 sharp for a [illegible] pep talk before the practice. [illegible] games will start the [illegible] November.

**T-R-A-C-K**

Ski Heil! Make way for the [illegible]ers. The Fuji ski camp will be [illegible] centre of activities this Sunday [illegible] the members make hay for the [illegible] winter days of fun. This Sunday, October 20, has been picked as [illegible] "packing" day, and packing you have to do if you want to en[joy] yourself this winter. Firewood [will] have to be chopped too, so if [you] want to ski on Grouse's winter pl[ay]ground this winter with a clear con[science] just hike up to Mosquito Creek, then up the winding trail to the Grouse Mountain village [and] give the boys a hand. For further information get in touch with Pre[si]dent Bus Ohori or Ray Takeuchi.


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